

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Hal Rogers
Chairman
Subcommittee of Commerce, Justice,
State and Judiciary
US Capitol, H309
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jose Serrano
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice,
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US Capitol, H309
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Dear Chairman Rogers and Ranking Member Serrano:


We are writing to thank you for your consistent support of the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) and to ask that it be funded at \$650 million in Fiscal Year 2001.

Securing our nation's borders is the exclusive responsibility of the federal government. With this responsibility comes the added duty of incarcerating undocumented aliens who commit crimes. SCAAP reimburses state and local governments for the costs associated with the incarceration of undocumented criminal aliens.

California has the largest population of incarcerated undocumented criminal aliens. As a result, California state and local governments incur greater costs than any other jurisdiction. In fact, over the past several years, the cost to qualifying jurisdictions has exceeded reimbursement by hundreds of millions of dollars. These costs take taxpayer dollars away from local education and public safety projects in order to pay the staggering cost of incarceration.

Again, thank you for your efforts with regard to SCAAP funding. We stand ready to work with you to ensure that reimbursement of these costs remains a high federal priority.

Sincerely,



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